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1. PHOUNE SIPRASEUTH, POLITBURO MEMBER OF THE LAOTIAN
PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY, VICE PREMIER AND FOREIGN
MINISTER OF LAOS, PAID "AN OFFICIAL, FRIENDLY VISIT"
TO POLAND SEPTEMBER 1-3 AS THE GUEST OF POLISH
FOREIGN MINISTER EMIL WOJTASZEK. SIPRASEUTH MET
WITH FIRST SECRETARY OF THE POLISH UNITED WORKERS'
PARTY (PZPR) EDWARD GIEREK, ON SEPTEMBER 1. DURING
THE MEETING, ACCORDING TO TRYBUNA LUDU, DAILY ORGAN
OF THE PZPR, "EDWARD GEIREK TRANSMITTED THE
UNBREAKABLE SUPPORT OF THE POLISH PEOPLE FOR THE
PEOPLES OF LAOS AND VIETNAM IN THEIR AIM TO STRENGTHEN
INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY". IN ADDITION, SIPRASEUTH
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DISCUSSED BILATERAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH MIECZYSLAW
JAGIELSKI, PZPR POLITBURO MEMBER AND VICE PREMIER,
AND DISCUSSED INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS WITH WOJTASZEK.

2. A COMMUNIQUE AS PUBLISHED IN TRYBUNA LUDU ON
SEPTEMBER 4 ENDORSES THE PEACE AND DETENTE POLICY
"CONDUCTED BY THE USSR AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES"

AND "CONFIRMED THE AMBITION OF THE PARTIES AND GOVERNMENTS OF POLAND AND LAOS TO A FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF THE UNITY AND SOLIDARITY OF SOCIALIST STATES AS WELL AS ALL PROGRESSIVE FORCES IN THE WORLD". BOTH SIDES "GAVE FULL AND UNCHANGING SUPPORT TO VIETNAM" AND "EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT ALL CONTTROVERSIAL PROBLEMS BETWEEN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES WILL BE REGULATED BY PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS". THE COMMUNIQUE MENTIONS NEITHER THE PRC NOR DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHES BY NAME; IT LASHES OUT AT "COOPERATION BETWEEN IMPERIALISM AND REACTION WITH INTENSIFIES THE ARMS RACE AND CAUSES THE GROWTH OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION AND INTERVENTION IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES".

3. COMMENT: THE SIPRASEUTH VISIT SHOULD BE SEEN IN THE CONTEXT OF POLAND'S DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT FOR VIETNAM. ASIDE FROM POLISH DIGNITARIES, NO ONE EXCEPT VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR TO POLAND NGUYEN NGOC UYEN GREETED SIPRASEUTH AT THE AIRPORT (THE LAOTIAN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW ACCREDITED TO POLAND APPARENTLY SENT NO REPRESENTATIVE TO WARSAW FOR THE VISIT). THE POLISH PRESS HAS PUBLISHED VIRTUALLY EVERY STATEMENT OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT CONCERNING ITS DISPUTES WITH THE PRC AND KAMPUCHEA AND HAS RUN A NUMBER OF EDITORIALS ABOUT CHINESE FOREIGN POLICY WITH STRONGLY CONDEMN PRC POLICY TOWARDS VIETNAM. THE FRONT OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NATIONAL UNITY (FJN), AN UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION WHICH EMBRACES VIRTUALLY ALL OF POLAND'S OFFICIAL POLITICAL AND SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS GAVE A RECEPTION IN HONOR OF VIETNAMESE NATIONAL DAY ON SEPTEMBER 2. THE FJN ISSUED A DECLARATION ON THE OCCASION EXCORIATING THE "GREAT POWER HEGEMONISTIC PRESSURE AGAINST SOCIALIST VIETNAM". A NATIONAL DAY CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO THE LEADERS OF VIETNAM FROM GIEREK, CHIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE HENRYK JABLONSKI AND PRIME MINISTER PIOTR JAROSZEWICZ SIMILARLY AVOIDED A BALD CONDEMNATION OF THE PRC. THE DISPATCH, CONSIDERABLY LONGER THAN CUSTOMARY (IT FILLED ONE-EIGHT OF THE FRONT PAGE OF THE SEPTEMBER 2 EDITION OF TRYBUNA LUDU), PRAISED THE "HISTORIC VICTORY" OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE "OVER THE FORCES OF IMPERIALISM AND COLONIALISM" AND EXPRESSED SOLIDARITY "WITH THE FIRM DEFENSE OF THE SOVEREIGNTY OF VIETNAM TOWARDS HEGEMONISTIC PRESSURE. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE ARE GIVING EFFECTIVE RESISTANCE TO THE MILITARY PROVOCATIONS INSPIRED BY FOREIGN POWERS. SCHAUFELE

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